

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
FEBRUARY 14, 2012  
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart  
Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Gobbel  
Aldermen: Scott Benfield  
Kevin Jones  
Jeff Morris  
David Smith  
Reid Walters

Also present were Town Manager Larry Smith and Town Attorney Rivers Lawther. Mayor Everhart opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

RECOGNITION – Alderman Gobbel recognized the Spencer Civitans for the distribution of dictionaries at North Rowan Elementary School, and the LandTrust for the recent workshop at the Transportation Museum.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS went to: Jaleel Pemberton, North Rowan Elementary School; Kong Yang, North Rowan Middle School; and Taylor Love, North Rowan High School.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 10, 2012. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Interim Public Works Director Joel Taylor, Police Chief Mike James, Fire Chief Gray Grubb, Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue.

4. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on major Town projects and events. He also advised the Board that #16 police vehicle (Dodge Intrepid) was in need of additional repairs that remain greater than the value of the vehicle. Following discussion,

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO AUTHORIZE UP TO \$26,000 FOR A VEHICLE TO BE CHOSEN BY THE CHIEF AND THE TOWN**

**MANAGER. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS – Mayor Everhart reviewed his activities over the past month.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Bare, 1402 Glenwood Avenue, Salisbury, spoke against the transfer of funds by City of Salisbury from the water and sewer accounts. Steve Mensing, 328 W. Bank Street, Salisbury, thinks an independent lawyer should review Spencer's water/sewer contract with City of Salisbury.

NEW BUSINESS

7. RESOLUTION – CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL

Randi Gates, representing Carolina Thread Trail, explained that the plan is to connect 15 counties with trails and greenways. She is fully supportive of the Board's changes to the resolution concerning eminent domain.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE AMENDED RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. COMMUNITY APPEARANCE BANQUET MEAL

Lynn Plummer explained that CAC is asking Board approval for the Spencer Woman's Club to cater their banquet. Their price is less than that of caterers in the private sector.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE USING THE SPENCER WOMAN'S CLUB TO PROVIDE THE MEAL FOR THE 2012 COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION AWARDS BANQUET FOR THE PRICE OF \$450. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. PROPERTY LIEN

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO APPROVE A LIEN AGAINST 810 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET FOR \$1056.00. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. RESOLUTION – BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PROPOSED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. DISCUSSION – WATER CONTRACT WITH SALISBURY

Alderman Morris presented a list of seven questions about the Salisbury/Spencer water and sewer contract dated October 3, 2000. Following discussion,

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ASK THE TOWN MANAGER TO PREPARE AN RFQ FOR LEGAL COUNSEL TO REVIEW QUESTIONS 1 AND 6 OF THE HANDOUT AND BRING PRICES BACK BY NEXT MONTH'S BOARD MEETING. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO SEND A LETTER TO THE CITY OF SALISBURY ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION OF ALL ITEMS ON THE LIST. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ASK STAFF TO SEEK CONTRACTS FROM ALL OTHER MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE OF SALISBURY THAT HAVE CONTRACTS WITH SALISBURY ROWAN UTILITIES AS A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST TO SHARE WITH THE BOARD. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC  
Clerk to the Board